

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**IN THE TITLE**

Please replace the title with the following:

IN-GROUND CONTAINER STABILIZER FOR NURSERY ITEMS

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace claims 1, 7, 17 and 24 as amended herewith. The marked changes are shown on the attached pages entitled "Version with markings to Show Changes Made."

1. A stackable plant support comprising:

an upper ring;

a lower ring;

at least one leg attached to the upper ring and lower ring, the leg adapted to support the upper ring and lower ring and engage the ground, the leg comprising a ledge shaped so as to permit application of a downward force by a plant support user to engage the plant support with the ground, the ledge defined by a bend in said leg, the ledge located below the position where the lower ring attaches to the leg;

wherein said at least one leg is an elongated U-shaped member comprising a closed end and an open end defined by two portions of the U-shaped member;

the upper ring is attached to said at least one leg proximate the closed end such that a loop is formed above the upper ring by the closed end of the leg;

the ends of the two portions of the U-shaped member are adapted to engage the ground; and

the plant support shaped to enclose plants and support plant containers.

7. The stackable plant support of claim 1 wherein the ledge is defined by a bend in the two portions of the U-shaped member.

17. A support member for a plant support apparatus, the support member comprising:

at least one leg attachable to an upper ring and a lower ring, the leg adapted to support the upper ring and lower ring and engage the ground, the upper ring and lower ring shaped so as to accommodate the insertion of a plant container within the rings;

the at least one leg comprising a ledge shaped so as to permit application of a downward force by a plant support user to engage the plant support with the ground;

and

wherein the ledge is defined by a bend in the at least one leg, the ledge located below the position where the lower ring attaches to the at least one leg.

24. A stackable plant support comprising:

at least one ring, the at least one ring is shaped so as to permit the insertion of a plant container within;

at least one leg attached to said at least one ring, the leg adapted to support said at least one ring and engage the ground, the leg comprising a ledge shaped so as to permit application of a downward force by a plant support user to engage the plant support with the ground, the ledge defined by a bend in said leg, the ledge located below the position where said at least one ring attaches to the leg;

wherein said at least one leg is an elongated U-shaped member comprising a closed end and an open end defined by two portions of the U-shaped member;

the at least one ring is attached to said at least one leg proximate the closed end such that a loop is formed above the ring by the closed end of the leg; and

the ends of the two portions of the U-shaped member are adapted to engage the ground; and

the plant support shaped to enclose plants and support plant containers.